



Cricket Wellington

Minutes of Meeting Wellington School of Cricket Monday 11 October 2010		Senior Captain's Meeting	
Meeting called by	C Butler	Meeting Start	6:00pm
Note Taker	I Smith	Meeting Finished	6:49pm
Attendees	S Thomas (University); E Watkin (CWUSI); G McAlister (CWUSI); M Hewson (Petone-Riverside); M Houghton (Taita); P Houghton (Taita); N Parlane (Onslow); A Williams (Naenae); G Maher (Naenae); S Mudgway (Johnsonville); J Brown (Collegians); R Kyne (North City); F Colson (Hutt District); J Dean (Eastern Suburbs); A Fletcher (Wellington College); S Baker (Karori); J Greenwood (Code Of Conduct Commissioner); B Dickinson (Cricket Wellington); C Butler (Cricket Wellington); I Smith (Cricket Wellington)		
Apologies	G Howell (Onslow); F Hanson (Eastbourne); D Grant (Collegians); L Morgan (Upper Hutt).		
AGENDA			
C Butler opened the meeting and introduced B Dickinson and J Greenwood			
1. Player Behaviour			
<p>J Greenwood stated that there was an evident slip in the standard of player behaviour nationally during the past season. Dissent of an umpire's decision is the main cause. At a meeting to be held on 12 October it is expected that NZC will introduce new penalties pertaining to amateur and professional players. He stressed that captains are liable under the Spirit of Cricket. All offences carry starting points and Commissioners are encouraged not to reduce penalties. He felt that if an appeal system was introduced there was a greater chance of consistency nationally. There had been confusion regarding the interpretation of an abandoned day counting toward a penalty. This should not be counted. Results of hearings will be published on the Cricket Wellington website. In instances where one team has three players suspended throughout the season then that team will lose 10 competition points. Umpires can be questioned politely on decisions.</p> <p>G McAlister felt that an appeal process would be good.</p>			
2. Grounds/Season Start			
<p>C Butler advised the meeting that Cricket Wellington were liaising weekly with Councils on grounds. On Friday October 15th Councils would advise on ground availability for Labour Weekend. Amended draws will then be circulated for 23rd to 25th October. Due to the inclement Spring weather, Councils were 3-4 weeks behind on preparation of both wickets and outfielders. All grass wickets would not be available until November 20th at this stage. He outlined various contingency plans for Labour Weekend. There was no dissent to these plans. Anderson Park is not deemed fit for Premier cricket, Hutt Rec is out until January; Nairnville Park is undertaking a full renovation and Karori 1 will be re-aligned in March. Collegians and Onslow will share Karori 4 until re-alignment starts. Hutt will play at Petone 5 until Hutt Rec is available; Karori will move to Karori 4 when re-alignment starts.</p>			

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3. Points System

C Butler advised that after feedback from the last meeting, the points system was reviewed. It was decided that the only change would be in the abolition of outright bonus points. Play can now finish 1 hour before close of play if both captains agree that there is no chance of a result.

4. Season Calendar

After recommendations at the previous Captain's meeting, this season Premier and Senior will play a full round of Twenty 20, One-Day and Two day cricket. However, Senior 2 and 3 will only play 3 games of Twenty 20.

Key dates for inter-city grades are:

- Twenty 20 weekend for Premier and Senior for 27 and 28 November (4 games)
- Twenty 20 Round 7 is scheduled on Saturday 22 at 10:30 before Black Caps ODI
- Club Cricket will be played on Sunday 23 January
- There is a 2 day round on 26 and 27 February

5. Umpire Update

E Watkin advised that after seeking advice from NZC, CWUSI have decided to relax the rule of questioning umpires decisions with the following protocols:

- 1) At the end of the over, the bowler and/or captain may inquire of the umpire the reason for a decision made in that over.
- 2) The umpire is not obliged to answer any question but if the umpire wishes to provide a brief explanation, then they will do so but they will not enter in to a debate with the bowler or captain.
- 3) No other player is entitled to question an umpire about a decision and to do so would breach the code of conduct

It should be noted that the no questioning rule will be re-instated if they feel players/and or captains are abusing it.

Captain's reports on umpires will be online this season. These must be submitted by 9:30am on Monday after a day is complete.

6. Rule Changes

Approval of Balls

Cricket Wellington has put stipulations around what balls can be used in what format, captains should be aware of the following:

Premier and Senior 1 :

- Two Day - Regulations
- One Day - Regulation or Club Match
- Twenty20 - Regulation, Club and Senator

Senior 2 and 3:

- Two Day and One Day - Club Match
- Twenty20 - Senator

Nomination of Players (Two Day Cricket)

A new rule will be added for this season

1.3.7 Where a player is returning from representative duty and subsequently replaces a player who is not out overnight(and had not been previously nominated to be replace), then the returning player cannot resume the innings of that player being replaced and that players innings is considered closed.

Close of Play by Agreement (two day cricket)

As stated earlier Captains can agree to terminate play within 1 hour of the scheduled finishing time on the second day if a result cannot be achieved.

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MCC Law changes.

G McAlister advised of the new MCC Changes to Laws effective from 1 October.

The main changes are as follows:

- a) Light and ground conditions are now in the hands of the umpires. Batsmen will not be offered the light.

S Baker asked if light meters will be used. E Watkin advised that due to cost, they will not be used in Club Cricket.

- b) He explained the new no ball rule regarding a bowler's front foot going over the imaginary line of the middle stump. Under the rules the next ball would be a free hit.

- c) After the toss has been made ,the captain winning the toss must make a decision immediately regarding who will bat.

- d) If part of a batsman's bat breaks and hits the wicket, then the batsman is out hit wicket

7. Finals

There has been a change to the Finals format for this season with the removal of the Hazlett Trophy Three day final. The top placed Hazlett Trophy side will automatically be promoted to the Pearce Cup subject to its eligibility. The Pearce Cup Final will be played at the Basin Reserve on 2, 3, 4 April.

The one day Finals have been rescheduled for February 6th, as the previous date clashed with the National Under 23 tournament. The games will be played at Karori 1 and 4. The meeting was in agreement with this decision

8. Representative Update

This season there will be National Tournaments at Under 18 and Under 23 levels. Captains should advise players that club form could be important to gain selection in the Under 23 side. There will be a game for Wellington A versus Central Districts A during the season. Timing to be confirmed.

Selectors for the Firebirds will be announced later this week.

Elite Player Squad. 10 players were picked from nominations. This will be reviewed at the end of the season

Hutt v Wellington games could be played in early January

9.General Business

Captains were reminded that they should re-familiarise themselves with the rules regarding covers and ensure club covers are up to standard prior to the start of the season